



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CEMP-RT (200-1a)

22 April 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Designation of Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste (HTRW) Design Districts

1. Reference memorandum, CEMP-RT, 17 Jan 96, subject: Environmental Cleanup and Protection Management Plan for Military Programs.

2. My philosophy is HQ USACE sets policies, criteria, and standards and field commanders execute with autonomy within the parameters HQ USACE sets. HQ USACE should and will conduct oversight and policy compliance reviews. Accordingly, I am delegating authority to designate HTRW design districts to Division Commanders IAW the following guidelines:

a. The proposed HTRW design district must be currently designated as a military design district.

b. The district possesses the in-house expertise to meet the "Minimum Capability Model" presented in Appendix A of the referenced plan, or a plan of action that clearly demonstrates the capability will be developed in the near term. (Note: FTE will continue to be resourced based on division wide workload. Additional FTE is not available to augment achieving a minimum capability.)

c. There exists adequate workload of investigation and design, currently and on a sustainable basis, to support the technical staff identified in the capability model at the proposed new military HTRW design district; and at existing military HTRW design districts.

d. Adequate contracting capability as described in Appendix A of the reference.

e. New Civil Works HTRW infrastructure will not be developed.

f. Division Commander provides formal notification to Director of Military Programs when a new HTRW design district is designated.

3. HQ USACE (CEMP-R) will conduct annual oversight staff visits to evaluate your adherence to these guidelines and effectiveness of your HTRW design district and HTRW operations. The annual visits will be augmented by the HTRW Center of Expertise review of design district products as described in Appendix B of the reference. We will provide you with findings and recommendations based on these evaluations.

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4. Divisions should strive to possess a HTRW design district meeting the criteria for a "Technically Enriched Capability Model" (Appendix A of reference) before designating any additional HTRW design districts. Future staffing and programmed workload is very uncertain in the out years. This uncertainty can be offset somewhat using one HTRW design district division wide functioning as investigative and design agent for other districts, providing better capability, flexibility and responsiveness.

5. Military Programs point of contact on this matter is Mr. Larry Barb, CEMP-RT, (202)761-4706.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert J. Genetti, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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Director of Military Programs